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<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	<p>Application No. 09/878,581</p>	<p>Applicant(s) NAKAGAWA, SUSUMU</p>	
	<p>Examiner JAMES SHELEHEDA</p>	<p>Art Unit 2424</p>	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 14 May 2010 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☒ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☒ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: _____.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

/James Sheleheda/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2424

Continuation of 3. NOTE: Independent claims 1, 10, 19, 22, 29, 30, 37 include amendments altering the claim scope and requiring additional search and consideration.

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: In response to applicant's arguments regarding Bar-el on pages 19-22, of applicant's response, it is noted that Srinivasan was relied upon for disclosing the features of starting and stopping the stream for ad insertion, distributing the ads via the network.

In response to applicant's argument that Srinivasan does not disclose "package distribution", it is noted that Srinivasan explicitly discloses where the video may be transmitted with ads (stream distribution) or separately without the ads "package/download distribution" (paragraph 204-205). As defined in applicant's specification (page 31). This clearly meets the claim limitations.

In response to applicant's arguments that Srinivasan only discloses using a URL to pull the ads, it is noted that when the play back unit uses the URL, it is sending a requesting to the server to be provided with the content associated with that link. The server receives the request and then responds by sending out the appropriate information. The playback unit is not just "pulling" the ad as applicant suggests, as it must clearly be communicating with the server storing the ads.

In response to applicant's arguments regarding an "advertisement insertion condition", the receiver is notifying the ad server that the condition (i.e. time) to insert an ad has occurred.

In response to applicant's arguments that Srinivasan doesn't disclose transmitting an advertising image to the image content providing apparatus, Srinivasan explicitly discloses that the ad server will pull both the video and ads from other servers and then control the streams to start and stop them as needed to insert the ads into the video (paragraph 204).

In response to applicant's arguments that Srinivasan doesn't disclose that the content providing apparatus restarting the video stream, Srinivasan discloses that the "ad server" pulls the content and provides it the subscribers (paragraph 204-205). Thus, it clearly meets the language of a content providing apparatus.